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MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

[83d Congress]

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION

[Key—R = Reported or ordered reported P = Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 1979	Amends Reorganization Act of 1949 by extending authority of the President to submit new plans up to April 1, 1955	✓	✓	✓	✓		3
S. 243	Provides for new position of Under Secretary of State for Administration to be terminated December 31, 1954	✓	✓	✓	✓		2
H. Doc. 102	Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953. Creates Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to which is transferred all the functions, agencies, property, personnel, records, and funds of the Federal Security Agency, which is abolished. Provides for Under Secretary and two Assistant Secretaries, and for Presidential appointment of Surgeon General of U. S. Public Health Service, Commissioner of Education, and Commissioner of Social Security. Creates Advisory Committee on Education, and provides for appointment of a special assistant to the Secretary, from the field of medicine, with responsibility for reviewing health and medical programs.	Plan No. 1 became effective April 11, 1953.					
H. J. Res. 223	Makes Reorganization Plan No. 1 (above) effective 10 days after signature by President	✓	✓	✓	✓		13
H. Doc. 111	Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953. To simplify operation of the Department of Agriculture, bring its programs close to State and local levels, and adapt administration to regional, State, and local conditions. Vests in the Secretary of Agriculture, with certain exceptions, all functions of all other officers, agencies, and employees of the Department, and authorizes him to delegate same. Provides for two additional Assistant Secretaries, and an Administrative Assistant.	Plan No. 2 became effective June 3, 1953.[1]					

[1] S. Res. 100 disapproving Plan No. 2 rejected in Senate 5/27/53 by 29 Yeas to 46 Nays. H. Res. 236 rejected in House 6/3/53 by 128 Yeas to 261 Nays.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. Doc. 120	Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1953. Establishes in Executive Office of the President as new agency the Office of Defense Mobilization. Provides for a Director, at $22,500 a year, and Deputy Director at $17,500. Transfers to the Director all functions except those abolished, of the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board; all functions under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act, including those of the Munitions Board. Abolishes National Security Resources Board. Transfers to the new agency such records, property, personnel, and funds appropriate to its functions.	Plan No. 3 became effective June 11, 1953.					
H. Doc. 130	Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1953. To promote best utilization of top officers of Department of Justice and most effective conduct of its business. Provides that the Deputy Attorney General, instead of the Solicitor General, shall act as the administrative head of the Department when the Attorney General is absent or disabled or that office is vacant. Authorizes Attorney General to prescribe the order of succession of his Assistants under those circumstances. Abolishes the Office of Assistant Attorney General in charge of Customs; provides for appointment, instead, of an Assistant Attorney General.	Plan No. 4 became effective June 20, 1953.					
H. Doc. 135	Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1953. To strengthen administration of the Export-Import Bank. Puts the agency under a single Managing Director instead of a Board of Directors. Provides for appointment of a Deputy Director and an Assistant Director.	Plan No. 5 became effective June 30, 1953.					

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[Key—R = Reported or ordered reported P = Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. Doc. 136	Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1953. To clarify lines of authority within the Department of Defense; attain effectiveness with economy; and to improve the machinery for strategic planning for national security by strengthening civilian control over military. Provides for six new Assistant Secretaries of Defense, making a total of eleven, and a General Counsel. Abolishes the Munitions Board, the Research and Development Board, the Defense Supply Management Agency, and the Director of Installations, transferring their functions to the Secretary of Defense. Authorizes him to delegate these functions to assistants. Makes Joint Chiefs of Staff advisory to the Secretary; transfers its administrative duties to the Joint Staff. Makes selection of the Director of the Joint Staff by the Joint Chiefs of Staff subject to approval of the Secretary of Defense. Makes selection of members of the Joint Staff by the Joint Chiefs of Staff subject to approval of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Provides for direct line of command from Secretary of Defense to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and through the latter to the top military and civilian officials of each service.	Plan No. 6 became effective June 30, 1953.[1]					
H. Doc. 157	Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1953. To centralize and coordinate foreign assistance and related economic operations now scattered through various agencies. Establishes the Foreign Operations Administration, under a Director at $22,500 a year, subject to Senate confirmation; a Deputy Director at $17,500, and six assistants, two at $16,000 and four at $15,000 a year each. The new agency to administer the Mutual Security and Technical Cooperation (Point 4) programs. Abolishes the Mutual Security Agency and transfers the Technical Cooperation Administration in the State Department to FOA. Also transfers to FOA the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the responsibility for administering the Act for International Development; assistance to private foreign relief organizations; programs to aid escapees from behind the Iron Curtain; United States participation in the UN's International Children's Emergency Fund, and Korean Reconstruction Agency, and in the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.	Plan No. 7 effective August 1, 1953, unless rejected by a constitutional majority of either House or Senate.[2]					

[1] H. Res. 295 disapproving Plan No. 6 rejected by House 6/27/53 by vote of 108 Yeas to 235 Nays.
[2] H. Res. 261 disapproving Plan No. 7 rejected by House 7/17/53 by voice vote.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[Key—R = Reported or ordered reported P = Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. Doc. 158	Reorganization Plan No. 8 of 1953. Establishes a new agency, the United States Information Agency. Transfers to it the functions of the International Information Administration, the information functions of the Technical Cooperation Administration and the Mutual Security Agency, and similar programs in connection with occupied areas. Puts Administration under a Director at $17,500 a year and a Deputy Director at $16,000. It will be subject to policy guidance of the Secretary of State.	Plans No. 8, 9, and 10, effective August 1, 1953, unless rejected by a constitutional majority of either House or Senate.[1]					
H. Doc. 159	Reorganization Plan No. 9 of 1953. Reconstitutes the Council of Economic Advisers, created under the Employment Act of 1946. Provides for a chairman and two members, with the Chairman responsible for administration of the staff, and to the President. Establishes an Advisory Board on Economic Growth and Stability composed of representatives from other departments of the Executive branch.						
H. Doc. 160	Reorganization Plan No. 10 of 1953. Separates payment of subsidy to airlines from cost of airmail transportation. Puts responsibility for payment of subsidy in Civil Aeronautics Board which also determines the amount of subsidy. Leaves in Post Office Department responsibility for payment of transportation costs of mail. Provides for transfer to CAB of such personnel, funds, records, etc., as required to carry out the plan.						
H. R. 2558	Provides for appointment of additional District and Circuit judges						
S. 15				✓	✓		
H. R. 3575	Grants statehood to Hawaii	✓	✓				
H. R. 2982	Grants statehood to Alaska	✓					

[1] H. Res. 262 disapproving Plan No. 8 rejected by House 7/17/53 by vote of 11 Yeas to 310 Nays.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 215 S. 697	Provides for delegate to Congress from the District of Columbia	(1)		✓	✓		
S. 999	Provides for elected Mayor, City Council, School Board, and nonvoting delegate to House of Representatives from District of Columbia			✓			
H. R. 4654	Excludes top department and agency officials from provisions of law permitting lump-sum leave payments	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	102
S. 1349	Makes Court of Claims a Constitutional Court	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
S. 106	Establishes a Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch for continuing study to eliminate nonessential activities and promote efficiency and economy	✓	✓	✓	✓		108
S. 1514	Establishes a Commission on Government Functions and Fiscal Resources to plan for elimination of duplication or conflict between Federal and State governments in taxation and administration	✓	✓	✓	✓		109
S. 833	Creates a Congressional Joint Committee on the Budget			✓	✓		
S. Con. Res. 8	Provides for a consolidated general appropriation bill and for item-veto power for President			✓	✓		
S. Res. 20	Amends Senate rules by permitting cloture by vote of two-thirds of Senators present on petition signed by 16 members			✓			
S. 1163	Increases salaries of Judges, District Attorneys and members of Congress			✓			
H. R. 5302	Provides for an additional Assistant Postmaster General for personnel	✓	✓	✓	✓		140
H. R. 303	Transfers health and hospital services for Indians from Bureau of Indian Affairs to Public Health Service	✓					
H. R. 6342	Authorizes acquisition of ground and construction thereon by Administrator of General Services; extends authority of Postmaster General to lease post-office sites	✓	✓				
S. 2457				✓			
S. 2417	Creates Commission on Judicial and Congressional Salaries			✓	✓		

[1] Tabled in House D. C. Committee 7/23/53.
*Awaiting President's signature.

VETERANS AND SERVICEMEN

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 2332	Requires review of military personnel designed to limit number of officers in Armed Forces	✓	✓	✓	✓		7
S. 1188	Extends to July 1, 1955, authorization for payment of family allowances to dependents of enlisted members of Armed Forces	✓	✓	✓	✓		8
S. 1229	Extends to July 1, 1954, continuance of pay or allotments to dependents of servicemen or civilians missing in war	✓	✓	✓	✓		16
H. R. 2466	Continues to June 30, 1955, free postage on first-class mail for members of Armed Forces in Korea and extends it to veterans hospitalized outside the United States as result of duty in Korea	✓	✓	✓	✓		9
H. R. 2561	Extends time for military personnel or civilian employees of Defense Department to file claims for loss, damage, etc., of personal property incident to war service	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 3658	Extends for 2 years, from July 1, 1953, privilege of duty-free importation of gifts from members of Armed Forces serving abroad	✓	✓	✓	✓		19
H. R. 4233	Expedites naturalization of aliens who serve with Armed Forces between June 24, 1950, and July 1, 1955	✓	✓	✓	✓		86
S. 1993	Extends for 1 year, to June 30, 1954, authority of Veterans Administration to make direct housing loans, increases funds for this purpose, and permits higher interest rates	✓	✓	✓	✓		101
S. 1376	Extends to veterans who serve in Korea same preference in occupancy of public housing units as other veterans	✓	✓	✓	✓		98
S. 1684	Facilitates appointments of persons who lost civil service opportunities due to service in Armed Forces after June 30, 1950	✓	✓	✓	✓		121
H. R. 5636	Provides that all types of tuberculosis causing 10 percent or more disability within 3 years of separation from service shall be presumed service-connected	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 5705	Provides for automatic renewal of Government and National Service life insurance	✓	✓	✓	✓		148

VETERANS AND SERVICEMEN—Continued

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 2984	Prohibits reduction of disability rating in effect for 20 years or more	✓	✓				
H. R. 4152	Extends to January 1, 1955, present income tax exemption for members of Armed Forces who serve in combat zone or are hospitalized through such service	✓	✓	✓	✓		
H. R. 6185	Defines preferential status of veterans in Federal employment	✓					
S. 2276	Authorizes continuance to July 1, 1954, of information and education program for personnel of Army and Air Force			✓	✓		

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY

[Key—R = Reported or ordered reported P = Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 1081	Amends Defense Production Act by extending for 1 year authority of President to fix allocation and priorities for defense materials, grant defense loans and subsidies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	95
H. R. 2557	Extends to July 1, 1954, Title II of First War Powers Act giving the President authority to expedite defense contracts	✓	✓	✓	✓		97
H. J. Res. 226	Extends to July 1, 1953, from April 1, 1953, the continuation during present emergency of certain statutory World War II powers of the President	✓	✓	✓	✓		12
H. J. Res. 285	Further extension of above for one month	✓	✓	✓	✓		96
H. R. 3853	Continues in effect, until 6 months after termination of national emergency, provisions of the criminal code fixing penalties for espionage and sabotage	✓	✓	✓	✓		99
S. 1995	Authorizes Department of Defense to stockpile machine tools, and extends to July 1954 its authority to expand productive capacity of industrial facilities in emergency	✓	✓	✓	✓		130
H. R. 6375 S. 2361	Authorizes military public works program in United States and at overseas bases						
S. Res. 143	Authorizes study of supplies of critical raw materials available to United States in war time			✓			
S. 2399	Amends Atomic Energy Act to fix number and salaries of division heads, tighten security regulations	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
H. R. 6287	Extends to December 31, 1954, authority of Government to renegotiate defense contracts	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 2564	Applies to Panama Canal Zone provisions of law against interference with or damage to U. S. communications system	✓	✓	✓			
S. 1110	Authorizes appointment of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Agency	✓	✓	✓	✓		15
S. 41	Strengthens provisions of Espionage Act permitting seizure of unlawful exports of arms			✓	✓		

*Awaiting President's signature.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY—Continued

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. Res. 16	Requires loyalty check of Senate employees	(Adopted—House action not required)					
S. 903	Prohibits interstate transportation of lethal munitions except when movement is arranged by the United States			✓	✓		
H. R. 2347	Extends to 6 months after termination of emergency, powers of Interstate Commerce Commission to fix priorities in transportation	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
S. 1981	Similar extension applied to authority of ICC over military traffic	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
H. R. 2322	Authorizes construction of research facilities by National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics	✓					
S. 1805				✓	✓		
H. R. 4495	Extends to July 1, 1955, authority to draft doctors, dentists, and other specialists	✓	✓	✓	✓		84
S. 3	Prevents employment by United Nations of United States citizens of doubtful loyalty			✓	✓		
S. 16	Authorizes Congressional committees to grant immunity to witnesses under certain conditions			✓	✓		
S. 1448	Continues to 6 months after end of national emergency present provisions restricting photographs and sketches of military installations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	46
H. R. 6353	Amends Merchant Marine Act to provide for national defense reserve of tankers and to promote construction of new tankers						
S. 2408				✓			

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NATIONAL ECONOMY

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 4507	Extends rent control to July 31, 1953; in critical defense areas to April 30, 1954	✓	✓	✓	✓		23
H. R. 5898	Extends excess profits tax for 6 months, to December 31, 1953	✓	✓	✓	✓		125
H. R. 5141	Creates Small Business Administration to take over lending functions of RFC in this field, and consolidate other activities in behalf of small business	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 5728	Authorizes disposal of Government-owned synthetic rubber plants	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 6426	Continues to June 30, 1954 present method of taxing life-insurance companies; allows tax-amortization for construction of grain-storage facilities; makes other technical amendments to Internal Revenue Code	✓	✓				
H. R. 157	Exempts motion picture theaters from admission tax	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
H. R. 5173	Provides for return to the States of all Federal unemployment tax collections in excess of amount sufficient to pay administrative costs and to maintain a $200 million reserve	✓	✓				
S. J. Res. 3	Proposes constitutional amendment to prevent seizure of private property by the President without consent of Congress			✓	✓		
H. R. 2313	Continues for duration of emergency authority of Government to inspect plants, books, and records of defense contractors	✓	✓	✓	✓		93
H. R. 1825	Prescribes policy and procedures in construction contracts made by Executive agencies	✓					
S. 848				✓			
S. 978	Revises and simplifies procedures of Interstate Commerce Commission to facilitate and expedite termination of railroad reorganizations under section 77 of Bankruptcy Act			✓			
S. 275	Amends Transportation Act of 1940 to protect the industry from terrorism, extortion, racketeering and similar unlawful business tactics			✓	✓		

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NATIONAL ECONOMY—Continued

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. Res. 14	Authorizes Senate Judiciary Committee to make comprehensive study of antitrust laws			(1) ✓			
H. R. 2237	Increases fines for criminal convictions under Sherman Anti-Trust Act to $50,000, from $5,000	✓	✓				
S. Res. 49	Authorizes study by Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee of postal rates and revenues	(Adopted—House action not required)					
S. 719	Extends to June 30, 1954, permission for Canadian vessels to carry passengers between Alaskan ports and passengers or freight between certain Alaskan ports and United States	✓	✓	✓	✓		124
S. 984	Provides for judicial review of decisions of United States Tax Court after January 1, 1954, respecting base period determinations arising under World War II excess profits tax			✓	✓		
S. 252	Permits all suits against United States for recovery of taxes to be brought in United States district courts with trial by jury	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 4004	Provides for listing of stockholders of national banks with Comptroller of Currency upon request in lieu of annual filing	✓	✓	✓	✓		28
S. 30	Provides for jury trials in condemnation proceedings in United States courts			✓			
H. R. 4605	Authorizes increase of $20 million for construction of buildings in Federal Reserve System	✓	✓	✓	✓		45
H. R. 2566	Fixes time for filing claims under Contract Settlement Act of 1944 by war contractors	✓	✓				
S. 24	Permits judicial review of decisions of Government contracting officers, except in cases where fraud is alleged			✓	✓		
H. R. 3203	Restricts Interstate Commerce Commission control over duration of motor-carrier contracts	✓	✓				

[1] Reported by Judiciary Committee, referred to Rules and Administration Committee.

NATIONAL ECONOMY—Continued

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 5407	Permits whiskey to be held in bond 12 years instead of 8, before payment of tax	✓	✓				
H. R. 6286	Grants Federal consent to New York-New Jersey interstate compact regulating port facilities to prevent racketeering						
S. 2383				✓	✓		
S. 1461	Expedites Interstate Commerce Commission procedure on applications for rate increases by railroads and oil-carriers			✓			
H. R. 5069	Bars flammable fabrics from interstate commerce	✓	✓	✓	✓		88
H. Res. 126	Authorizes investigation of newsprint market	(Adopted—Senate action not required)					
H. R. 5740	Authorizes Food and Drug Administration to inspect factories without consent of owners	✓	✓				
S. 835							
S. 1396	Provides for regulation of radio and television broadcasts of professional baseball games			✓			
H. Res. 217	Creates committee to study tax-exempt foundations	✓					
H. R. 116	Prohibits transportation of fireworks into any State in which their sale is banned	✓	✓				
S. 2314	Prohibits transmission of certain gambling information via interstate communications facilities			✓			
H. R. 4557	Authorizes Federal Communications Commission to waive requirement of permit for construction of radio stations	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 3898	Fixes jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission over transmission or sale of electric energy to foreign countries						
S. 1442		✓		✓	✓		
H. R. 3792	Authorizes Interstate Commerce Commission to revoke or amend water-carrier certificates under certain conditions	✓	✓				
S. 281	Extends power of ICC to authorize discontinuance of intrastate railroad services			✓			

NATURAL RESOURCES

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. J. Res. 104	Authorizes U. S. participation with Canada in development of St. Lawrence seaway			✓			
S. 2150							
H. R. 1816	Repeals obsolete laws on sale of timber and stone on public lands	✓	✓				
H. R. 4198	Confirms and establishes titles of the States to submerged lands and resources within their historic boundaries (3-mile limit, except Texas, Louisiana, and Florida Gulf, 10½ miles)	✓	✓	✓	✓		31
H. R. 5134	Confirms and establishes title of Federal Government, and its right to develop resources, in submerged lands (Continental Shelf) seaward of historic boundaries of the States	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 1374	Authorizes increase in appropriations for Eklutna hydroelectric power project in Alaska	✓					
S. 2097		✓		✓	✓		
H. R. 3915	Permits mining, development, and utilization of mineral resources of all public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development	✓	✓				
H. R. 2824	Encourages discovery and development of sources of tungsten ores and concentrates	✓	✓	✓	✓		
H. R. 335	Amends mineral leasing laws to eliminate waiver of rentals for oil and gas leases	✓					
H. R. 270	Authorizes appropriation of $500,000 for control and extinguishment of fires in coal formations	✓	✓				
H. R. 4025	Authorizes additional appropriation of $75 million for construction of dams in Columbia River Basin by Army engineers	✓	✓	✓	✓		75
H. R. 233	Releases right, title, and interest of United States in and to all fissionable materials in certain land in Marion County, Ind	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
S. 261	Gives Federal consent to Connecticut River Flood Control compact	✓	✓	✓	✓		52

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NATURAL RESOURCES—Continued

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 117	Provides apportionment to local governments of funds received by United States for lands acquired for flood control purposes	✓	✓	✓	✓		60
H. R. 2512	Extends privilege of buying certain public lands to business associations, corporations, States, and local governments	✓	✓				
H. R. 4351	Authorizes construction of additional power facilities on Niagara River	✓	✓				
S. 689							
S. 2320	Changes date for beginning of annual assessment work on mining claims			✓	✓		
H. R. 6217	Validates uranium-mining claims on public lands leased for oil-gas purposes	✓					
S. 1397				✓	✓		
H. R. 4551	Requires Secretary of Interior to obtain congressional approval for reclamation projects	✓					
H. R. 4646	Fixes conditions for Federal acquisition of forest land operated on a sustained-yield basis for timber	✓					
H. R. 5358	Restricts surface rights of mining claims in national forests to prevent waste of timber	✓					
S. 2094	Facilitates development of water conservation facilities by State and local governments			✓			
H. R. 6130	Authorizes national banking associations to make loans on forest tracts	✓					

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

[Key—R = Reported or ordered reported P = Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 5710	Extends Mutual Security Act and authorizes $5 billion foreign aid program for fiscal 1954	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	118
H. R. 5495	Extends Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act to June 12, 1954, creates commission to study foreign economic policy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 5894	Provides additional safeguards to domestic producers and workers under the reciprocal trade program by restricting certain imports	✓	(1)				
S. 1739	Extends to June 30, 1954, President's authority to control exports	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	62
H. R. 5877	Simplifies customs laws, practices, and procedures to facilitate flow of goods in international commerce	✓	✓	✓			
H. J. Res. 228	Permits entry into United States of 500 children adopted by American citizens abroad	✓	✓	✓	✓		
H. R. 6481	Provides for admission of 240,000 refugees in next 3 years	✓					
S. 1917				✓			
S. 1766	Creates new independent Office of Commissioner of Refugees			✓	✓		
S. 2112	Makes grant of one (1) million tons of wheat to Pakistan	✓	✓	✓	✓		77
H. R. 6016	Authorizes the President until June 30, 1955, to make crop surpluses available to friendly nations abroad						
S. 2249				✓			
H. R. 4364	Provides for settlement of claims for damages caused by United States Armed Forces abroad	✓	✓				
H. R. 568	Continues through June 30, 1954, suspension of certain import taxes on copper	✓	✓	✓	✓		4
H. R. 5334	Suspends for 1 year certain import duties on aluminum and aluminum alloys	✓					
H. R. 222	Suspends for 2 years import duties on crude bauxite	✓	✓				
H. R. 5148	Continues to June 30, 1954, the suspension of import duties and taxes on metal scrap, except lead and zinc	✓	✓	✓			

[1] Recommitted 7/23/53 by vote of 242 yeas to 161 nays.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—Continued

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 4465	Provides insurance for goods shipped abroad by American nationals, by amending Export-Import Act of 1945	✓	✓	✓	✓		30
S. Res. 84	Denounces mistreatment of minority groups by Soviet Russia and satellites and urges President to protest in United Nations	(Adopted—House action not required)					
H. J. Res. 200	Joins with the President in a declaration against Soviet Russia's subjugation of free peoples through perversion of its wartime agreements with United States and other allies	✓					
S. Con. Res. 12	Voices sympathy of Congress for victims of European flood	(Adopted)					
H. R. 3659	Extends to July 1, 1955, period during which personal and household goods brought into United States under Government orders shall be exempt from duty	✓	✓	✓	✓		20
S. J. Res. 1	Proposes constitutional amendment to prohibit treaty provisions which violate any constitutional right; requires action of Congress to validate treaties as internal law; similarly limits Executive or other agreements with foreign powers			✓			
S. J. Res. 78	Establishes a Commission on foreign economic policy			✓	✓		
S. J. Res. 6	Provides for continuance of civil government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	✓		✓	✓		
S. Res. 25	Authorizes investigation of means of expanding foreign investment and trade	(Adopted—House action not required)					
S. 694	Prohibits flying of United States flag subordinate to any other	✓	✓	✓	✓		107
S. Con. Res. 36	Expresses sympathy of the Congress with the people of East Germany in their struggle against Communist tyranny, and urges their right to freedom and unity with West Germany			✓	✓		
H. Con. Res. 129	Expresses the sense of the Congress that Chinese Communists are not entitled, and should not be recognized, to represent China in the United Nations	✓	✓				

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—Continued

[Key—R = Reported or ordered reported P = Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. Res. 126	Authorizes study of proposed changes in United Nations Charter			✓			
H. R. 5956	Authorizes loan of 2 submarines to Italy and small aircraft carrier to France	✓					
S. 2277				✓	✓		
S. 498	Provides for agreement with Mexico for joint operation of Nogales sanitation project	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
S. J. Res. 96	Establishes an International Commission on Telecommunications			✓			
S. Res. 150	Favors international agreements for limitation of armaments			✓			
H. Res. 346	Creates select committee to investigate circumstances of incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into U. S. S. R	✓					

*Awaiting President's signature.

AGRICULTURE

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 6054	Authorizes emergency loans to farmers and cattlemen in drought areas and provides for expediting supplies of feed and seed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	115
S. J. Res. 97	Revises and extends to July 31, 1956, the International Wheat Agreement	✓		✓	✓		
H. R. 3480	Extends to December 31, 1956, from December 1, 1953, the period during which Secretary of Labor is authorized to make available Mexican agricultural workers to United States producers	✓	✓	✓	✓		
H. R. 1432	Provides for 90 percent price support for 1952 Maryland tobacco crop	✓	(1)				
S. 25	Amends Bankruptcy Act by granting relief to farmer-debtors			✓	✓		
H. R. 4353	Provides for farmer ownership and control of Federal farm credit system; creates a Federal Farm Credit Board, and reorganizes Farm Credit Administration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 5451	Changes wheat marketing quota provisions of Agricultural Act by reducing planting from 78 million acres to a minimum of 62 million acres	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	117
S. 1679	Requires coordination of all authorizations for Agricultural Extension Service; consolidates and codifies numerous acts	✓	✓	✓	✓		83
H. R. 6186	Establishes grazing rights on public lands	✓					
S. 1491							
H. R. 4211	Provides for expansion of Federal Crop Insurance program to additional counties	✓					
S. 1367				✓	✓		
H. R. 4158	Extends to 1958 authority of Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to orchardists	✓					
H. R. 6013	Extends for 5 years authority of Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to fur farmers						
S. 1152				✓	✓		

[1] Failed of passage 4/24/53 by vote of 110 yeas to 212 nays.

AGRICULTURE—Continued

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 5655 S. 2106	Changes acreage allotments and marketing quotas for cotton crops						
S. 2055	Provides for control and eradication of scrapie and bluetongue in sheep			✓	✓		
S. 1276	Authorizes increase in interest rates on loans under Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act			✓			

SOCIAL SECURITY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 5667	Extends and revises principal provisions of the National Housing Act	✓	✓	✓	✓		94
S. J. Res. 27	Increases by $500,000,000 authorization of FHA to insure housing loans	✓	✓	✓	✓		5
S. 799	Makes benefits of Defense Housing and Community Facilities Act available to communities relocated as a result of acquisition of its former site by the Atomic Energy Commission			✓	✓		
S. 2199	Authorizes distribution of Federal surplus equipment and supplies to disaster victims by State and local governments	✓	✓	✓	✓		134
S. J. Res. 71	Extends program of Government purchase of FHA mortgages to Guam; puts private lenders in Alaska on equal basis with Housing Authority in making FHA-insured loans			✓	✓		
S. 967	Authorizes continuance for 2 years of Federal aid for hospital construction and survey	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
S. 1515	Grants Federal consent to compact between several States, Hawaii, and Alaska to establish the Western States Commission for Higher Education	✓		✓	✓		
H. R. 356	Permits individuals entitled to benefits under Railroad Retirement Act and Social Security to receive both	✓	✓				
H. R. 6049	Renews program of aid for school construction in districts affected by Federal activities	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 6078	Renews program of aid for operating expenses of school districts affected by Federal activities	✓	✓	✓			
S. 285	Creates a national advisory committee to study public and private methods of weather control			✓	✓		
H. Res. 243	Authorizes $100,000 appropriation for comprehensive study of social security system	(Adopted—Senate action not required)					

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SOCIAL SECURITY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE—Continued

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 10	Prohibits transportation of obscene matter in interstate and foreign commerce			✓	✓		
S. 11	Amends Criminal Code to prohibit mailing of all obscene matter of any kind			✓	✓		
S. 39	Requires each State to give full faith and credit to divorce granted in another State, under certain conditions			✓	✓		
S. J. Res. 49	Proposes constitutional amendment to provide equal rights for women			✓	✓		
S. Res. 89	Authorizes study of juvenile delinquency	(Adopted—House action not required)					
H. R. 5691	Requires annual report to Congress on all educational activities carried on by the Federal Government	✓	✓				
H. R. 5303	Provides unemployment insurance coverage for seamen on vessels owned, operated, or chartered by Federal Government	✓	✓	✓			
S. 539	Authorizes Interstate Commerce Commission to require installation of certain communications system by railroads			✓			
H. Res. 296	Authorizes investigation of all claims arising out of Texas City, Tex., explosions of April 16–17, 1947	✓					
	(NOTE.—See Governmental Reorganizaton, p. 5, on creation of new Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.)						

TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EIGHTY-SECOND CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Title	Budget Estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L. No.
1951 Legislative Supplemental	$806, 155	$831, 155	$831, 155	$831, 155	7
1951 D. C. Supplemental*	55, 600	21, 250	21, 250	21, 250	11
1951 Third Supplemental	843, 463, 579	473, 165, 368	431, 127, 477	364, 932, 477	45
1951 Fourth Supplemental	6, 472, 981, 000	6, 468, 206, 000	6, 442, 668, 000	6, 442, 668, 000	43
1951 Legislative Supplemental	150, 000	150, 000	150, 000	150, 000	49
1952 Disaster Relief	15, 000, 000	25, 000, 000	25, 000, 000	25, 000 000	80
1952 Flood Rehabilitation	400, 000, 000	53, 440, 000	53, 440, 000	53, 440, 000	202
1952 Labor Supplemental	950, 000	950, 000	950, 000	950, 000	113
1952 First Supplemental	2, 302, 871, 116	1, 586, 587, 316	1, 745, 383, 006	1, 676, 246, 976	253
Labor	244, 366, 500	233, 020, 500	233, 043, 112	222, 504, 944	134
Federal Security Agency	1, 874, 887, 260	1, 795, 185, 861	1, 732, 266, 865	1, 715, 027, 843	
Railroad Retirement [1]	613, 000, 000	613, 000, 000	562, 534, 409	574, 471, 483	
Interior	559, 286, 000	496, 764, 500	518, 065, 353	511, 841, 816	136
Treasury [2]	597, 251, 000	586, 100, 000	593, 294, 647	587, 598, 000	111
Post Office	2, 360, 874, 000	2, 332, 727, 000	2, 328, 223, 697	2, 340, 800, 000	
Independent Offices	6, 837, 677, 465	6, 144, 540, 355	6, 212, 199, 663	6, 162, 825, 175	137
Agriculture	820, 005, 546	717, 295, 233	826, 578, 130	802, 988, 626	135
District of Columbia [3]	140, 513, 150	137, 776, 375	138, 407, 290	138, 216, 150	106
Civil Functions, Army	640, 637, 843	514, 427, 400	638, 578, 213	597, 262, 713	203
Legislative	68, 953, 320	60, 335, 370	73, 820, 507	73, 805, 705	168
State	283, 686, 476	226, 357, 000	227, 877, 838	228, 104, 861	188
Justice	184, 356, 000	181, 567, 000	182, 137, 600	181, 602, 000	
Commerce	763, 763, 925	612, 098, 000	609, 500, 560	607, 242, 911	
Judiciary	26, 489, 740	25, 918, 115	25, 936, 865	25, 918, 115	
Mutual Security	7, 527, 527, 790	7, 482, 527, 790	7, 208, 401, 000	7, 328, 903, 976	249
National Defense	57, 577, 325, 700	56, 034, 717, 200	61, 103, 856, 030	56, 939, 568, 030	179
Second Supplemental (Military Construction)	5, 146, 495, 570	4, 425, 357, 970	4, 020, 198, 000	4, 146, 407, 108	254

[1] Includes National Labor Relations Board, $7,885,418; National Mediation Board, $1,092,243; Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, $2,959,413.

[2] This bill also carries $6,116,000,000 in permanent appropriations, including $5,800,000,000 for interest on the national debt; also carries $5,619,642,290 in disbursements from the FSA trust funds for old-age benefits and unemployment insurance.

[3] Totals include Federal contribution of $11,400,000 in final amount; balance of D. C. budget is financed from local revenues.

*Payable from D. C. revenues.

NOTE: H. J. Res. 277, making temporary appropriations through July 31, enacted (P. L. 70); second temporary appropriation extension to August 31, H. J. Res. 302, passed House and Senate July 30 (P. L. 97). H. J. Res. 320, third temporary appropriation extension to September 30, 1951, passed House and Senate August 21, 1951 (P. L. 132). H. J. Res. 335, fourth temporary appropriation extension to October 31, 1951, passed House and Senate September 27 (P. L. 156).

TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EIGHTY-SECOND CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Title	Budget Estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L. No.
Treasury[1]	$693, 045, 000	$644, 765, 000	$645, 247, 000	$644, 095, 000	425
Post Office	2, 822, 100, 000	2, 793, 800, 000	2, 748, 800, 000	2, 793, 800, 000	
3d Supplemental, 1952	1, 069, 542, 625	968, 127, 943	976, 368, 838	971, 342, 641	375
4th Supplemental, 1952	1, 475, 420, 000	1, 413, 820, 000	1, 413, 820, 350	1, 413, 820, 350	431
Independent Offices	6, 978, 687, 043	6, 254, 215, 628	6, 279, 088, 678	6, 272, 836, 303	455
Labor[2]	228, 096, 100	210, 903, 539	211, 113, 539	211, 008, 539	452
Federal Security Agency	1, 740, 758, 261	1, 559, 444, 261	1, 561, 888, 761	1, 562, 885, 011	
Interior	626, 001, 800	486, 248, 253	567, 328, 164	541, 729, 854	470
District of Columbia[3]	136, 442, 100	131, 055, 000	135, 117, 089	133, 696, 875	453
Civil Functions, Army	692, 977, 800	492, 434, 900	667, 474, 699	584, 061, 600	504
State	318, 408, 010	215, 988, 382	211, 869, 847	217, 701, 424	495
Justice	189, 785, 000	184, 059, 000	184, 523, 000	184, 293, 000	
Commerce	706, 971, 499	589, 569, 499	588, 606, 305	586, 588, 586	
Judiciary	27, 657, 800	27, 306, 850	27, 548, 700	27, 398, 700	
National Defense	50, 921, 022, 770	46, 207, 177, 554	38, 403, 000, 912	46, 610, 938, 912	488
Legislative	72, 055, 542	62, 391, 780	76, 892, 461	76, 849, 392	471
Agriculture[4]	748, 415, 828	724, 003, 699	841, 494, 624	728, 611, 920	451
Supplemental, 1953[5]	13, 750, 796, 030	10, 127, 840, 780	8, 310, 724, 886	11, 793, 776, 339	547

[1] This bill also carries (not included in above total) $6,255,770,850 in permanent and indefinite appropriations, including $6,150,000,000 interest on the Federal debt; $5,999,219,656 in disbursements from FSA trust funds for old-age benefits, unemployment insurance, railroad retirement benefits, and other authorized payments.

[2] This bill also carries (not included in above total) $9,000,000 for the National Labor Relations Board; $1,130,000 for the National Mediation Board; and $3,447,500 for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

[3] Above total payable from D. C. revenues; bill also carries $11,000,000 direct Federal appropriation from Treasury.

[4] This bill also carries (not included in above total) about $500,000,000 revolving fund authorizations for farm loans and price-support operations.

[5] Includes funds for Mutual Security Administration, Atomic Energy Commission and other agencies.

TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EIGHTY-THIRD CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Title	Budget estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L. No.
2d Supplemental, 1953	$2,313,769,590	$925,172,920	$947,325,579	$947,325,579	11
3d Supplemental, 1953 [1]	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,441,875	5,441,875	59
Independent Offices [2]	1,172,441,090	451,020,493	446,913,949		
Interior	607,336,400	406,130,343	452,956,940		
State	151,148,590	102,774,787	91,758,676		
Justice	187,150,000	179,265,000	177,975,000		
Commerce	1,131,195,925	861,136,925	834,146,706		
Treasury	665,328,000	611,895,000	611,895,000	611,895,000	73
Post Office	2,906,800,000	2,832,250,000	2,832,250,000	2,832,250,000	
Agriculture	749,409,342	712,747,828	716,779,768	718,395,398	
Labor [3]	296,818,600	255,184,000	257,040,000		
Health, Education, Welfare	1,786,528,761	1,712,248,461	1,731,674,461		
Army Civil Functions	683,377,100	416,319,600	473,762,900	440,093,600	
National Defense	40,719,931,000	34,434,140,500	34,511,302,000		
Legislative	72,799,275	54,507,020			
Judiciary	26,507,645	26,179,520			
2d Independent Offices	7,445,758,664	5,284,369,664	5,239,352,664	5,253,177,664	
District of Columbia	151,564,975	146,354,739	146,713,350		
Supplemental, 1954	1,069,996,084	168,155,584			
Mutual Security	7,614,410,145	4,433,678,000			
Emergency Farm Relief	150,000,000	150,000,000			
Korean Reconstruction	200,000,000				

[1] Also provides $7,500,000 loan authorizations for rural telephones.
[2] Does not include funds for AEC, TVA, and VA.
[3] Does not include related agencies: National Labor Relations Board, $9,000,000; National Mediation Board, $1,064,000, and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, $3,210,000.

NOTE: H. J. Res. 287, making temporary appropriations for fiscal 1954, was enacted June 30, 1953 (P. L. 91).

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